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OPC Welcomes New President, Board Members

OPC NEWS

By Doug Merlino

With a handshake and a ceremonial passing of the gavel, Marshall Loeb took the reins from Dick Stolley and became the new OPC president at the club's Aug. 15 annual meeting. Loeb, a senior correspondent and columnist for MarketWatch from Dow Jones, will head the club for the next two years.

The winners of the board elections were also announced at the meeting. *Conde Nast Traveler* Deputy Editor, Special Projects Dorinda Elliot is now first vice president. Allan Dodds Frank, a reporter for Bloomberg Television, is second vice president. Author Jane Ciabattari continues for a second term as third vice president. Marcy McGinnis, now freelancing, is the club's new treasurer, and Jacqueline Albert-Simon, U.S. bureau chief for *Politique Internationale*, is now secretary.

New active board members include Angela Burt-Murray, editor-in-chief of *Essence Magazine*; Jim Laurie, director of FocusAsia Productions; and Sree Sreenivasan, dean of students and professor at Columbia University's J-school. They join returning active board members Marcus Brauchli, Bob Dowling, John R. MacArthur and Michael Serrill. The new active alternates are Maggie Murphy, executive editor of *Life Magazine*; Rick Levine, Managing

Director/Editorial Operations for Conde Nast Publications; and Robert Teitelman, editor-in-chief of *The Deal*.

Kathleen Hunt of Care International joins Yvonne Dunleavy as the new associate board member. David Fondiller of Marakon Associates is the associate alternate.

In addition to the release of the elec-

tion results, the meeting included a discussion of the OPC's financial situation, which, as the club's accountant made clear, could be better. Several people made suggestions for possible fundraising events. There was also a spirited back-and-forth about the annual awards dinner as well as speakers and OPC programs.

Exploring the Images of 9/11

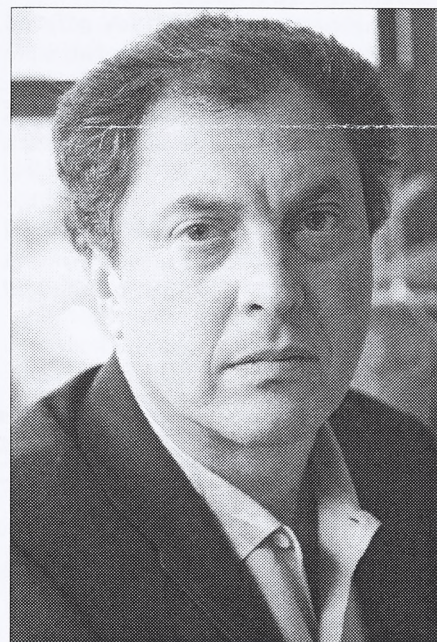
OPC EVENT PREVIEW/September 21

By Sonya K. Fry

The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center five years ago were the most universally observed news event in human history. Pictures from sources as diverse as office workers with cell phone cameras, tourists, documentary filmmakers and photojournalists were all beamed around the world immediately so that two billion people watched the terrible events as they were unfolding.

An OPC member for over twenty years, David Friend, editor of creative development at *Vanity Fair* and formerly *Life* magazine's director of photography, tells the story behind the images that altered our sense of the world forever in his book, "Watching the World Change: The Stories Behind the Images of 9/11" [New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux]. Friend reminds us that photographs were at once a shock to the senses (bodies falling from the sky as they escaped the flames) and an anchor to reality (snapshots of missing loved ones circulated through out the city). The storefront galleries that appeared all over the city were mobbed as people tried to make sense of the unbelievable. It was a form of consolation to look at the events over and over again in order to grasp the enormity of two major skyscrapers collapsing after being hit by commercial jet airliners.

From the snapshots of office workers



David Friend

covered with ash to the iconic picture of the three firefighters raising the American flag at the site that evening, many images from that day have been seared into our memory and have defined for us the story of that terrible day.

Friend explains how advances in television, digital photography and the Internet came together at the turn of the millennium and made 9/11 an awful opening to a new visual age. He also explores the controversy over whether the

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Blogs Tell Personal Tale of Lebanon War

PRESS FREEDOM

By Katie Paul

With global attention firmly focused on the latest explosion of violence in the Middle East, many young bloggers in Lebanon have transformed their personal websites into war zone dispatches.

"Our site usually gets around 5,000 to 8,000 hits per day," said webmaster "Chief," who runs Beirut.com, a year-old website that aggregates various Lebanese blogs. "Since the war broke out, these figures nearly tripled."

"In a way, I believe it's a new form of news," said "Finkployd," founder of the popular site BloggingBeirut.com, which has had over six million visits since July 12. "It's the news that makes wars more accessible to those who have never lived them. This is the news from the people on the ground, the people of the country, the citizens, the civilians."

The personal narratives offered on blogs can offer a very intimate glimpse into the soul of the crisis. "Blogging Beirut" has shown photos of barren shelves at the local supermarket, a wedding caravan in an otherwise ghostlike city, and overflowing dumpsters ignored by the non-operational social service system; scenes that hint at how suddenly lives can be changed by war.

Countless other blogs around the world have included posts about the crisis during the past few weeks. Blogwise.com, a global directory of blogs, reports that 89 percent of all countries in the world are represented on their site by at least one blog. Blogs from Iraq have told their own story of continuous crisis; "Baghdad Burning" (riverbend.blogspot.com), written by an Iraqi woman in her mid-20s, has become so well-regarded that it was awarded a Lettre Ulysses Award for the Art of Reportage and was turned into a book in 2005.

These exercises in grassroots journalism are part of an ongoing conversation about the role that Internet technology can play in the news business. And with blog-tracking site Technorati noting the July 31 addition of its 50 millionth blog, the blogosphere is indeed a force to be reckoned with.

Major news organizations—including Reuters, *The New York Times*, and CNN, to name a few—have featured stories on what blogs in Lebanon and Israel are saying about the conflict. CNN's "The Situation Room," anchored by Wolf Blitzer, has specifically sought to incorporate the blogosphere into its reporting. Staffers Abbi Tatton and Jacki Schechner regularly survey weblog offerings and report on their findings on the air.

"Wolf, outrage online in Lebanon,"

Tatton reported on the July 31 show. "This video here of protests in Beirut at the site BloggingBeirut.com. An accompanying description on another site, BeirutLive.blogspot.com, from somebody who was actually at the protest, saying he has never seen so many everyday Lebanese people so angry."

Many point to the tsunami crisis in December 2004 as blogging's debut on the newsgathering scene. Reuters CEO Tom Glocer told the Online Publishing Association that, despite having 2,300 journalists and 1,000 stringers positioned around the world at the time the tsunami hit, "for the first 24 hours the best and the only photos and video came from tourists armed with 1.3 megapixel portable telephones, digital cameras and camcorders...you have to be open to both amateur and professional to tell the story completely."

Even with six million visits, BloggingBeirut.com cannot yet rival the global reach of the website of *The New York Times*, which counts 12 million registered users among its clientele. But as Jonathan Silverstein wrote for ABC News, "In the digital age the home-brewed ink slinger has the potential to reach as vast an audience as any established publication, radio or television outlet."

Katie Paul interned at the OPC during the summer.

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ANKARA: **Fatih Tas**, owner of Aram Publishing House,

and two of his colleagues were indicted

in July on charges of "denigrating national identity" and "inciting hatred" because of the way one of the books he published analyzed news coverage of the Kurdish conflict. The book, "Manufacturing

Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media," was written by American intellectual **Noam Chomsky** and **Edward S. Herman**. Published in Turkish in March, the book argues that corporate and government pressures distort news coverage.



Noam Chomsky

BAGHDAD: Four Iraqi men suspected in the kidnapping of American journalist **Jill Carroll** were arrested west of Baghdad by U.S. Marines, a U.S. military spokesman and the FBI announced Aug. 9. The arrests were made about a month before they were announced. Carroll, 28, a *Christian Science Monitor* correspondent, was kidnapped in January and freed in March after 82 days in captivity. Her Iraqi interpreter was shot dead.

BALTIMORE: CBS News correspondent **Kimberly Dozier**, 39, left a Baltimore hospital Aug. 2 after undergoing several operations to repair injuries suffered in Baghdad May 29 when a roadside bomb exploded while she and her crew were taping interviews with locals. The attack killed her cameraman **Paul**



Kimberly Dozier

Douglas, her soundman **James Brolan** and a U.S. Army captain (June *Bulletin*). "I've learned slowly how close I came to joining my friends," she said, referring to her crew. "Not a day goes by without thinking of Paul and James, two of the most remarkable characters I've ever known." Walking with a cane, Dozier said she faces a couple of minor surgeries "but overall the

prognosis is far better than the docs had hoped just after I'd reached Germany."

CAIRO: An Egyptian court sentenced **Ibrahim Eissa**, editor of the independent weekly *Al Dustour*, to a year in prison on charges he defamed President Hosni Mubarak. The charges cited an article published last year that reported on a lawsuit brought against Mubarak by an Egyptian who accused the president of corruption.

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts:

OPC member **Ian Johnson**, a *Wall Street Journal* reporter and editor in Berlin, is one of 28 journalists selected as Nieman Fellows at Harvard University for the academic year 2006-2007. He will study the role of religion and civil society in societies under stress. Another Nieman Fellow, **Dexter Filkins**, a *New York Times* Baghdad correspondent, won two consecutive OPC awards for reporting on the Iraq War. He will study interaction between the West and the Islamic world since 9/11. Other foreign correspondents who won the fellowships are **Tini Tran**, AP Vietnam bureau chief, who will study the link between market reforms and democracy in China; and **Eliza Griswold**, a freelance journalist who will study political and religious fault lines between Christianity and Islam.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana: About 10 gunmen stormed the printing department of *Kaiteur News* Aug. 8 and shot to death five employees. The newspaper, Guyana's largest, mainly covers crime and corruption. Authorities said the motive for the attack was unclear.

HOLLYWOOD: Film star Angelina Jolie will play **Mariane Pearl** in a movie based on Mariane's book, "A Mighty Heart: The Brave Life and Death of My Husband Danny Pearl." The July announcement did not say who will play Danny. "I am delighted that Angelina Jolie will be playing



Mariane and Danny Pearl

my role in the adaptation of my book," Mariane, an OPC member, said. "I deeply admire her work and what she is committed to." Brad Pitt, who will produce the movie, said, "We hope the film can increase understanding between people of all faiths."



Angelina Jolie

HONG KONG: **Angelica Cheung**, editor of the new Chinese edition of *Vogue*, tries to serve both newly rich readers in China and young readers for whom a handbag might cost a couple of month's salary. "You have to be responsible to the readers," she told the Foreign Correspondents' Club's (FCC) magazine. "Obviously some can afford to buy those things [luxury goods]. For those who cannot afford them yet...we try to balance it out by featuring products from local shops in Shanghai, Beijing and Hong Kong, and tell people that you don't need a lot of money to create a trendy look." Cheung earned a law degree from Beijing University, joined an import-export company in Hong Kong and worked as a newspaper and magazine writer and editor before the Chinese *Vogue* was launched last year. She and her companion, **Mark Graham**, who rarely wears the fashionable shirts she buys for him, commute between a home in Hong Kong and a flat in Shanghai.



Angelica Cheung and Mark Graham in Hong Kong

◆ **Christopher Slaughter** of *Asia Pacific Vision* is the new president of the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club. In elections held this spring, two OPC members were elected to the FCC board: **Keith Bradsher**, *The New York Times*, and **Jim Laurie**, FocusAsia Productions.

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Leonard M. Apcar became the *International Herald Tribune's* deputy managing editor for Asia and head of the paper's Hong Kong newsroom this summer. He succeeded **Nick Stout**, who will oversee the *IHT's* expansion and coverage of Asia. In 1991, Apcar joined *The New York Times*, which owns the *IHT*, as assistant business and financial editor. He later served as the *Times's* enterprise editor, assignment editor, chief of correspondents and assistant foreign editor. From 2002 until moving to Hong Kong, he was editor-in-chief of the *Times's* website.

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Marvin Farkas celebrated his 79th birthday this spring by walking all the way up the 1,817-foot Victoria Peak, where at the top he and friends toasted the day with champagne. An American newsreel, TV and documentary cameraman, Farkas has lived most of his adult life in Hong Kong. He was one of the first members of the Foreign Correspondents' Club when it was founded in 1950, holding membership card No. 0004.

ITHACA, New York: *New York Times* columnist **Nicholas Kristof** believes that an outcry is required to stop massacres in Africa. "What's needed is public outrage," he told a Cornell University alumni reunion audience in June. "If just 100 people in every congressional district had written [their congressmen before the Rwandan killings], the political wheels would have creaked into action." Kristof, an OPC member who has visited western Sudan six times, estimated that over half a million people have been killed in Darfur by armed militants. Kristof and his wife, **Sheryl WuDunn**, a 1981 Cornell graduate, delivered the university's annual Olin Lecture on international issues. WuDunn, a *New York Times* business editor, told the audience that China, in its search for new sources of oil, has formed "un-



Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

JASON KOSNI, CORNELL PHOTOGRAPHY

healthy partnerships" with rogue nations including Sudan.

MOGADISHU, Somalia: **Martin Adler**, a Swedish TV cameraman, was shot dead June 23 while filming a rally organized by the Islamic Courts Union. An Islamic militant organization, the Union formed a new government after ousting Mogadishu's U.S.-backed warlords two and a half weeks before Adler was killed. Adler, who was freelancing for Britain's Channel Four, was filming protesters burning U.S. and Ethiopian flags when he was shot from close range. He was at least the 10th foreign correspondent killed in Somalia since 1991. Adler won the 2001 Amnesty International media award for his work on the kidnapping and sale of women in China, and the 2004 Rory Peck award for his coverage in Iraq.

MOSCOW: The family of **Paul Klebnikov**, editor of the Russian edition of *Forbes* who was murdered in 2004, filed a complaint in Supreme Court in July protesting a lower court handling of the trial of two suspects who were acquitted in May (June *Bulletin*). The complaint said the trial judge failed to release records of the closed trial after it ended and that the judge was holding up appeals to the verdict in higher courts. A global group of investigative reporters have established Project Klebnikov (www.projectklebnikov.org), which is "committed to shedding light on the shadowy interests that consumed Paul." With the assistance of Reporters Without Borders, the reporters plan to host a conference in Moscow later this year "to bring many of the best investigative minds in the world under one roof to discuss the Klebnikov case and related subjects."

NEW YORK: Now a *New York Times* correspondent in Baghdad, OPC Foundation scholarship winner **Damien Cave** landed a story on the *Times's* front page Aug. 3. He reported how Iraqis fear anyone in uniform, not knowing whether they are the good guys or the bad guys. Cave won the 1998 Harper's Magazine Scholarship with an essay titled "10 reasons Why the OPC Should Send Damien Cave to Paraguay." Foundation President **Bill Holstein** commented: "Obviously his geographic focus has shifted, but his ambition remains intact."

Cory Eldridge, who won the Foundation's H. L. Stevenson scholarship this

year, became an unpaid intern in Reuters Dubai bureau this summer. "Without my OPC scholarship, I could not afford the trip," Eldridge wrote to **Jane Reilly**, the Foundation's executive director. "But even more than the scholarship, I would not have met the Reuters editors who offered me this opportunity if it wasn't for [the scholarship reception and luncheon]. Eldridge won his scholarship with an essay about a Palestinian ophthalmologist working "amid the strains of Israeli occupation."

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Rawya Rageh, who won this year's Dan Eldon scholarship with an essay on the need for the world to pay attention to Sudan's humanitarian crisis, has returned to Baghdad with the AP.

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In July, ABC news anchor **Bob Woodruff** broadcast his first report since he was wounded by a roadside bomb in Iraq Jan. 29. By telephone, he recorded a few lines to accompany a "Nightline" rebroadcast of a report he made on his visit to North Korea last summer. "His voiceover tied the discussion of North Korea's closed society to its recent test firing of missiles," the AP reported.

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The 2006 Maria Moors Cabot Prizes for outstanding reporting on Latin America will be presented in October to **Mario Vargas Llosa**, an independent journalist and author; **Ginger Thompson**, Mexico City bureau chief of *The New York Times*; **José Hamilton Ribeiro**, reporter for TV Global in Brazil; and **Matt Moffett**, South American correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal*. Each winner will receive a Cabot medal and \$5,000. The prizes are administered by Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

◆
OPC board member **Fred Kempe**, *The Wall Street Journal's* assistant managing editor for international news, will become president and CEO of the Atlantic Council of the United States, a Washington-based think tank, on Jan. 1. The Council promotes U.S. leadership in international affairs in the Atlantic community. Now working on his fourth book on international topics, Kempe was managing editor of the *Wall Street Journal Europe*



Fred Kempe

in Brussels from September 1992-January 1997.

◆
Terri Thompson, an OPC Foundation governor, won the 2006 Elliott Bell Prize, presented annually by the New York Financial Writers' Association for contributions to financial journalism. Terri is director of the Knight-Bagehot Fellowship Program in Economics and Business Journalism at Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism.

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Steve Knight, who reported from Iraq for CBS Radio News in 2003 and 2004, was appointed news director of WQXR FM in July, succeeding **Sam Hall**, who retired June 30. Knight joined *The New York Times*-owned radio station from AP Radio in Washington.

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Norman Pearlstine, former editor-in-chief of Time Inc., joined the Carlyle Group, a global buy-out firm, in September as a senior adviser on acquisition of media and telecommunications properties. Pearlstine, 63, an OPC member, left Time last year (November 2005 *Bulletin*) and is finishing a book about confidential media sources.



Norman Pearlstine

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Dow Jones announced in July the retirement date for *The Wall Street Journal's* managing editor and the creation of a committee to reassess how it delivers news in print and online. **Paul E. Steiger**, managing editor since 1991, will step down at the end of 2007, the year he turns 65. Meanwhile, **Paul Ingrassia**, president of Dow Jones Newswire, will lead the reassessment project in his new post, Dow Jones vice president of news strategy. Faced with a decline in financial and technology ads, the *WSJ* strengthened coverage of lifestyle topics to help gain more women readers and increase consumer-related advertising.

◆
Just as he said when he left CBS News in June, OPC member **Dan Rather** will host a one-hour weekly news program, "Dan Rather Presents," on HDNet, a high definition TV channel, starting in October. In July, **Mark Cuban**, the channel's co-founder and owner of the Dallas Mavericks, talked with **Jacques Stein-**

berg of *The New York Times*, who wrote: "Initially, the program will be mostly interviews, but Mr. Cuban said he hoped Mr. Rather would eventually pursue investigative reports in the vein of '60 Minutes.' Mr. Cuban said he was eager to draw on Mr. Rather's 44 years of experience at CBS News, and was confident that he could contribute much to HDNet, a premium service to which, he said, nearly four million viewers subscribe."

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Don Kaplan of the *New York Post* downplayed the audience: "In New York City, Time Warner carries the signal on Channel 724 in what amounts to TV's version of Siberia." Former ABC anchor **Ted Koppel** defended Rather, who left CBS News after a disputed broadcast about President Bush's National Guard service during the Vietnam War. Koppel told the Television Critics Association in Pasadena, California: "Clearly a mistake was made on the broadcast that he did, and it took him a while to acknowledge that because Dan is very, very loyal to the people who work with him and for him. Should that have cost him his career at CBS? I don't think so."

◆
Ann Cooper left the Committee to Protect Journalists in June to become director of the broadcast program at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. Since 1998, she was executive director of the CPJ, which monitors abuses of press freedom and mistreatment of journalists around the world. Earlier she was a correspondent for National Public Radio, serving as bureau chief in Johannesburg, Moscow and the United Nations.

Joel Simon, CPJ deputy director, succeeded Cooper. Before joining CPJ, Simon worked as a writer and photographer in Central America, earned a master's degree in Latin American studies at Stanford University, and in the 1990s was based in Mexico City as an associate editor for Pacific News Service while freelancing for several U.S. publications. At CPJ, Simon has led committee missions to Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Yugoslavia, Tajikistan, Mexico, Colombia and The Gambia. He is the author of "Endangered Mexico: An Environment on the Edge" [Sierra Club Books, 1997].

◆
Carla Anne Robbins joined *The New York Times* in July as an editorial board member and assistant editorial page editor. She had been a reporter and news

editor at *The Wall Street Journal* since 1993. Robbins, 53, worked at *U.S. News & World Report* from 1986-1992, first as Latin America bureau chief and later as senior diplomatic correspondent. She started her career at *BusinessWeek*, where she shared a 1984 OPC Award. At the *WSJ* she was a member of teams that won Pulitzer Prizes in 1999 for international reporting and in 2000 for national reporting.

◆
Did you know **Paul W. Freedman**, a one-time OPC member? John Q. Barrett, a professor of law at St. John's University who is writing a book on the Nazi war crime trials at Nuremberg, has asked the OPC for help in finding information about Freedman. Barrett said Freedman was born in Germany, fled to the United States in the 1930s, served in the U.S. military during World War II and was on the U.S. prosecution staff at Nuremberg. He was identified in a radio interview as a foreign editor. Contact Barrett at St. John's University School of Law, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, N.Y. 11439; telephone: 718-990-6644; fax: 718-990-2199; e-mail: barrettj@stjohns.edu.

PARIS: *Paris Match* employees staged a one-day strike in June to protest the demotion of **Alain Genestar** from editor-in-chief to a less powerful post. The dispute dates back nine months, when the magazine published a cover photo of Cécilia Sarkozy in New York with a man *Paris Match* said was her lover. At the time, she was estranged from her husband, French Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy, who is a close friend of Arnaud Lagardère, chief executive of the *Paris Match* parent company, Hachette Filipacchi Medias. A Hachette executive told magazine employees "the decision to shift Mr. Genestar had not been politically motivated but rather stemmed from 'ethical differences' about the approach to the management of *Paris Match*."

ST-CERGUE, Switzerland: OPC member **Dinah Lee Küng** and her husband, Peter Küng, invited 20 people to their home this spring for a lunch in honor of Democracy Wall dissident Xu Wenli and his wife, He Xintong. "A notable moment was Xu's meeting with Lois Snow, the widow of **Edgar Snow**, the journalist and author of 'Red Star Over China,'" Dinah reported to

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Xu Wenli, Dinah Lee Küng, Peter Küng and He Xintong

"People." Other guests included representatives of PEN International, Human Rights Watch Geneva, the World Council of Churches, Television Suisse Romande and the Geneva Writers Group.

TOKYO: Dennis Normile, Japan bureau chief for the weekly *Science*, was elected president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan in June. OPC member **Bradley Martin**, Bloomberg Markets, was elected 1st vice president.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Massachusetts: When **Joyce Wadler** of *The New York Times* visited **Art Buchwald** in his vacation home on Martha's Vineyard this summer, the humor columnist told her about his funeral plans. "It's all planned," Buchwald said. "It's going to be at Carnegie Hall. My ashes are going to be spilled over every Trump building in New York." Wadler wrote that Buchwald always needed to be the life of the party. "He has gotten his wish: after checking into a Washington hospice in February to die—his leg had been amputated, his kidneys were failing and he had declined dialysis—he lived. The longer he lived the more attention he got and the happier he became....Now, so many friends and pals in the press are stopping by—Walter Cronkite, Carly Simon, Phil Donahue and Marlo Thomas, Dave Barry on his book tour—that newspaper reporters practically have to take a number." Buchwald, 80, has resumed his syndicated newspaper column and made a deal for his latest book.

WASHINGTON: Three former foreign correspondents are among 10 journalists selected as Knight International Press fellows to train journalists in countries with little tradition of a free press. They are **Alan Elsner**, a former

Jerusalem Post correspondent in Jerusalem and with Reuters in London and Stockholm, who will spend nine months in Romania; **Stephen Franklin**, a former *Chicago Tribune* correspondent in the Middle East, Central and Latin America, and Africa, who will work for four months in Sudan; and **Paul Quinn-Judge**, a former *Boston Globe* correspondent in the Soviet Union and *Time*'s Moscow bureau chief after reporting from Southeast Asia for *The Guardian* and *The Christian Science Monitor*, who will spend a year in Georgia and Kyrgyzstan. Quinn-Judge was a judge for the OPC's Artyom Borovik award.

WEDDING

Ashley Gilbertson, 28, a freelance photojournalist who won an OPC award last year, and **Joanna Bernstein**, 33, a former freelance writer in Sydney, Australia, were married July 14 in New York City's Hudson Hotel by an adjunct leader of the Society for Ethical Culture. Gilbertson's photos of the 2004 battle for Fallujah won the Robert Capa Gold Medal Award for photographic reporting requiring exceptional courage and enterprise. He is based in Italy.



Ashley Gilbertson and Joanna Bernstein

IN MEMORY

Donald A. Allan served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, was shot down over Belgium and spent 10 months in German POW camps, escaping twice. In 1952, while working as a city reporter for *The New York Times*, he was hired by the CIA, resigned from the *Times* and moved to Rome without telling the paper he was joining the agency. While waiting for his first CIA spy assignment, he worked part time for UPI and wrote opinion pieces for the *International Herald Tribune*. Then he got a job as the Rome correspondent for *Newsweek*. He told the *Times* in 1977 that he operated deep undercover, a journalist by day and an agent by night. In 1956 at a masked ball given by U.S. Ambassador Clare Boothe

Luce, Allan and his wife quarreled. He went home alone and his wife arrived later with an Italian journalist. Allan grabbed a knife and stabbed the Italian repeatedly, and Allan spent 10 months in a Roman jail. After his release, he divorced, remarried and returned to New York. He wrote scripts for CBS, edited the North American Newspaper Alliance, served as reporter and managing editor for *Reporter* magazine, became foreign editor of *The Saturday Evening Post* and worked part time as restaurant columnist for *Gourmet* magazine. In 1972, he was appointed information director for UNICEF's Middle East region in Beirut, and in 1983 he became information and education director for the World Wildlife Fund in Switzerland, retiring in the mid-1990s. His four marriages ended in divorce. Allan died of cancer Aug. 2 at his home in Woodside, California. He was 83.

◆
Lee Townsend, 73, a retired CBS News editor and former editor of the *OPC Bulletin*, died in a New York City nursing home July 16 of liver disease after a long illness. After working as a reporter and editor on the *Long Island Star-Journal* and the *New York World-Telegram and Sun*, he joined CBS News. He was the network's news editor during **Walter Cronkite's** last four years as anchor and **Dan Rather's** first 10 years as anchor. "They both demanded clear writing, not flowery prose, and they both were loyal to their staff," Lee commented in the obit he wrote in preparation for his death. He added that the best job he ever had and "never made a cent doing it" was editor-in-chief of the *Daily Spectator* at Columbia University, where he graduated in 1955. Survivors include his wife, **Brooke Janis**, whom he met at CBS News when she was a news researcher and later a producer for "60 Minutes" and documentaries. Many folks from CBS attended the memorial service for Lee in New York's St. Jean Baptiste Church, and Rather delivered one of the tributes. Attending the funeral from the OPC were former President **Roy Rowan** and his wife **Helen**, board member **Jacqueline Albert-Simon**, Executive Director **Sonya K. Fry** and **Laurie Sandow**, who



Lee Townsend

does the pre-press make up of the *Bulletin*. Lee edited the *OPC Bulletin* from 1998-2003, and Brooke served as executive director of the OPC Foundation from 2002-2003.

French-born photojournalist **Catherine Leroy**, 60, who photographed stark images of the Vietnam War, died of lung cancer July 8 in a Santa Monica, California, health center. Leroy was 21 in 1966 when she flew to Saigon to cover American troops. She took one of her most famous photographs in 1967, "Corpsman in Anguish," showing a Marine corpsman hunched over the dead body of his friend. In 1968 during the Tet offensive, she was captured by North Vietnamese troops. But she talked her way out and emerged with images of the North Vietnamese Army in combat that were published on a *Life* magazine cover. "She was tiny and totally fearless," said **Jonathan Randal**, a *Washington Post* correspondent who worked with her for many years. Randal once asked her where she learned the naughty words that salted her conversation. From the Marines, she replied.



"Corpsman in Anguish," 1967 photo by Catherine Leroy

Leroy worked for the Gamma and Sipa photo agencies and later sold her work to the AP and UPI. Her photos appeared in publications worldwide. After Vietnam, she covered conflicts in Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Libya. **Richard Pyle** of the AP spoke with her a few days before her death, and wrote: "She told me she was out of money, had no more photo projects she could do in L.A. and was considering moving back to France. Only hint of this illness was that she mentioned she had no medical insurance. Cathy was talented and tough but she alienated many people such as Horst [Faas, AP photographer] and the editors at *Life* with her demanding attitudes." She shot and directed the 1972 film about anti-war Vietnam veterans, "Operation Last Patrol." With OPC member **Tony Clifton**, formerly with

Newsweek, she co-authored the book, "God Cried," about the siege of West Beirut by the Israeli Army in 1982.

Anatole Shub, 78, a former *Washington Post* correspondent, died of a stroke followed by pneumonia July 2 in a Washington, DC hospital. He joined the *Post* in 1964, as a Bonn-based correspondent and in 1967 opened the paper's Moscow bureau, which had been closed for 18 months since the previous correspondent had been expelled. Shub wrote about the post-Stalin era, Soviet secret police, dissidents, turmoil inside the Kremlin, rising anti-Semitism and the 1968 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia before he was expelled for stories deemed slanderous to the Communist government. He then became the Munich-based news director of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. From 1993-2002, he worked for the United States Information Agency as a Russian research analyst.

Roderick MacLeish, 80, author, radio correspondent and TV commentator, died July 1 at his home in Washington, D.C. He covered the Sinai War, conflict in the Belgian Congo, the Vietnam War and the collapse of the Soviet Union. In 1957, he helped organize the Washington bureau of Westinghouse Broadcasting and then opened Westinghouse's London bureau. Starting in 1976, he did commentary for CBS News, National Public Radio, *The Christian Science Monitor* and other media organizations. MacLeish wrote about a dozen fiction and non-fiction books. He wrote and narrated a three-part TV series on public TV in 1994, "The Hermitage: A Russian Odyssey," about the St. Petersburg palace-museum. He was the broadcast voice of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Former Asia correspondent and OPC member **John Barton**, who met MacLeish at backyard dinner parties in Washington, commented: "He was one of the most congenial, well-informed conversationalists I have ever met, a thoroughly insightful and enjoyable person."

Glen Renfrew, 77, the former managing director of Reuters who helped develop the news agency into a high-earning supplier of financial information, died June 29 in St. Albans, England, after being treated for dementia for about a year. In 1964, after working as a correspondent, Renfrew was appointed head

of a new division to run Reuters' first computer-based service, Stockmaster, which laid the groundwork for its expansion into providing real-time information to world financial markets. Renfrew, an Australian, joined Reuters' economic services in London in 1952. He then reported from Singapore, South Africa and Belgium. In 1971, he became manager of Reuters North America, and a decade later he became Reuters managing director, the first non-British to head the company. He oversaw Reuters' stock market flotation in 1984, a move that unlocked big profits for the company. He retired from Reuters in 1991. Renfrew was offered a British knighthood in 1990 but turned it down, saying people who worked for Reuters should not accept honors from any government. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and a son, **Barry Renfrew**, AP vice president for global business for Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

George Page, 71, who covered the Vietnam War for NBC News, died of cancer June 28 at his home in Equinunk, Pennsylvania. In 1972, he joined PBS, where he founded and narrated the TV series "Nature." Page broadcast from Channel 13, the PBS station in New York, from 1973-1998.

Bunty Johnson and her late husband **Johnnie Johnson** were prime movers in reviving the London Press Club after the old club failed in 1986. They worked for the club seven days a week until Johnnie, a journalist in Sheffield, Manchester and Fleet Street, died in 1999. The Johnsons were on hand in the old club in 1982, its centenary year, when visitors included Prince Charles, Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth II



Bunty Johnson

and Prince Philip, and the Queen Mother, who played a couple of snooker shots while Bunty and Johnnie watched. Bunty left school when she was 14 to work in a cousin's chemist shop. When World War II broke out, she got her blind grandmother to sign papers so she could join the WAAF's when she was only 17. Bunty and Johnnie met at a Christmas Eve dance in 1940, and they were married three weeks later. After a long illness, Beatrice May (Bunty) Field Johnson died Feb. 7 at age 83.

New Books

GLOBAL

"IF CAREERS ARE CHECKERED, Jim Becker's is a chess-board. From Hawaii to Brooklyn, Bayreuth, Babylon and Botswana, this multi-faceted newsman has crisscrossed every square on the board, collecting along the way fascinating stories about heroes, saints, sinners and celebrities." That's how the publisher describes Becker's "Saints, Sinners & Shortstops: 4 Wars, 40 Countries, 4,000 Characters" [Honolulu: Celadon Press]. Becker writes that President Johnson called him a "no good, stupid, lying S.O.B" to his face. He relates that he took the beautiful British actress Jean Simmons to lunch at Toots Shor's restaurant, and baseball star Joe DiMaggio came over and tried to pick her up. He later played golf with DiMaggio and beat him. "Such memorable scraps pour forth in cornucopian profusion from this autobiography by a man who spent nearly 50 years as a foreign correspondent, sportswriter, newspaper columnist, and music and drama critic," wrote **Richard Pyle**, a former AP correspondent in Asia



Jim Becker

and now in the New York bureau. Becker reported for the AP from Honolulu, the Korean War, Tokyo, Manila, New Delhi and Europe, and he was a *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* columnist for nearly a decade. With a sense of humor, he writes about people he has met around the globe and historic events that he covered.

NORTH AMERICA

PAM PROCTOR WRITES about how Americans work voluntarily to help others in "Points of Light: A Celebration of the American Spirit of Giving" [New York: Center Street], her sixth book. Pam, an OPC member and a former *Parade* magazine senior editor, describes the work of people she calls foot soldiers in the army of light. Timothy Miller, whose 16-year-old daughter went missing and was later found dead, organized a search and recovery team in Texas with hundreds of volunteers with tracking dogs, boats, airplanes, divers, infrared equipment and horses. Starting when he was 10, Tim Radcliff trained puppies so they could advance into training to become seeing-eye dogs. Molly Banz, an English immigrant, organized Molly's Angels, an organization that asks families in Napa County, California, to donate \$1 a month to provide help to people in distress. Robyn Strumpf, 18, a poor reader in grade school who later developed a passion for reading, has collected 17,000



Pam Proctor

books and more than 200 quilts that she gives to children with reading problems. The book concludes with guides on how the reader can help others in distress. Proctor wrote the book with **Robert Goodwin**, president and CEO of the Points of Light Foundation, and **Thomas Kinkade**, an artist who serves as the Foundation's National Ambassador of Light. The Foundation was established by the first President Bush, who wrote the book's forward.

AMPLIFICATION

THE PREFACE to "Korea Witness" was written by the book's co-editors, **Choe Sang Hun** and OPC member **Don Kirk**, not by Kirk alone as reported in the July/August *Bulletin*. When he was an AP correspondent, Choe exposed the killing of Korean civilians by U.S. troops under a bridge during the Korean War, a report that earned him and two AP colleagues the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting.

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images of 9/11 are exploitive or redemptive—and shows us how photographs help us to witness, to grieve, and finally to understand the unimaginable.

The OPC's first program of the new season will take place on Thursday, September 21, with a reception at 5:30pm. The talk and slide presentation by David Friend will begin at 6:30pm. Books will be for sale and signing. If you plan to attend, please call the OPC office at 212-626-9220 to make a reservation.

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